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New co-ordinator for BHBA steps into her father's shoes

by Peter Hodges

LOCAL business-woman Claire Stepney has been chosen to take on the role of co-ordinator of the Blackdown Hills Business Association.

The Blackdown Hills Business Association is a

not-for-profit membership-based organisation which was set up in the early 1980s to bring together small business owners who were finding it tough to promote their individual businesses.

As of March this year the BHBA stands at around 200 business members and supporters.

Claire replaces outgoing co-ordinator Val Baker who has been in the role for 14 years.

Claire grew up in Hemmock and her career has taken her all over the South West organising events.

She said: "I am thrilled to take-up this exciting opportunity and look forward to engaging with all members and, together with the board, taking the BHBA onto exciting new adventures, developing the membership, creating new interactive events, promoting the fantastic regional skills and expertise and leading the association into the future."



**NEW CO-ORDINATOR:
Claire Stepney**

Val Baker said she was leaving the role in Claire's 'very capable hands'.

She said: "It has been a pleasure meeting so many wonderful people over the years and hearing about your businesses. I have enjoyed

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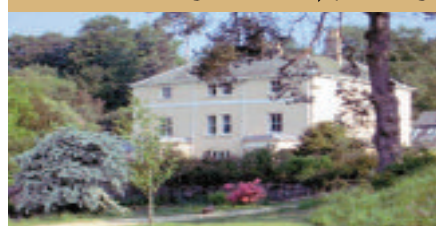
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Corfe Summer Fete will take to the skies



VISITORS to Corfe's first ever Summer Fete this June are in for a real treat. Planned as part of the day's attractions are not one, but two aerobatic displays by world class pilots.

"As it's our first ever village fete we wanted to do something really special," said Bill Hosie, fete organiser and himself a professional pilot.

"Set against the glorious backdrop of the Blackdown Hills, the two displays we have lined up are going to be really quite something, with the current British champion Julian Murfitt lined up, as well as Simon Wilson, a Lynx helicopter pilot serving with the Royal Navy.

The fete will, of course, have lots more to see and do for all the family. The organisers have live music planned throughout the day, lots of games, a wide selection of food and drink, and over 60 stalls

planned. There will also be a birds of prey demonstration, as well as a climbing wall and archery.

"We also have some classic cars coming for people to view, as well as a full size glider for visitors to look around and even sit inside if they wish. It should be a fun packed day!" added Bill.

● Sitting at the foot of the Blackdown Hills, just south of Taunton, Corfe is easy to find with the fete taking place in the field just behind the village church. The event takes place on Saturday, June 4th, from 11am to 4pm with an entry fee of £3 for adults and children free. Lots of free parking will be available on site.

For more information visit corfesomerset-fete.co.uk, [facebook.com/corfesomerset](https://www.facebook.com/corfesomerset), or find them on twitter @CorfeSomerset.

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And Verdun celebrates 100 by bailing out!

HISTORY was made at Dunkeswell this month when a centenarian became the oldest UK skydiver.

Verdun Hayes, celebrated turning 100 by attempting his first ever tandem skydive alongside his two great grandsons.

Verdun was taken on the jump by the most experienced instructor at Skydive.Buzz, the skydiving school based at the airfield, Jason Farrant, who has more than 10,000 jumps to his name.

With his feet securely back on the ground Verdun said: "It was wonderful and I felt like I was floating. I would do

it again tomorrow."

Despite being as fit and healthy as he is, it was recommended that Verdun attempted the jump from 10,000 feet rather than the normal height of 15,000 feet. Verdun took part in the event to raise funds for North Devon Hospice and now holds the UK record for the oldest male skydiver but will have to wait another year to break the world record, which is currently held by a Canadian man at 101-years-old.

*Photos by Sam Cady
and Krista Radzina.*



**LEFT: HE FLIES
THROUGH THE AIR
WITH THE GREATEST
OF EASE, Verdun
Hayes, aged 100 and
instructor Jason
Farrant.**

**ABOVE: THUMBS UP
the pair are safely
back on solid ground**

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STEPPING DOWN: Val Baker is leaving the role of coordinator after being at the helm for 14 years

BHBA co-ordinator steps down after 14 years' stalwart service

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developing products and services as well as representing you at local government and regional level. I am now seeking a new full-time position elsewhere in Devon or Somerset. I am so excited for the BHBA. Claire is full of ideas and

enthusiasm and I am sure I am leaving the BHBA in very capable hands."

The BHBA Board of Directors also praised Val for her contributions over the years. A statement read: "Val has played a key role in building the BHBA from small beginnings to the successful membership organisation that it currently is. We can't thank her enough for the care and dedication she has shown to the members."

Claire taking on the role has a familial feeling to it as her father, David Stepney, was the original founder of the BHBA in the 80s, but passed away 18 years ago. Claire added: "I am very excited to take up this role knowing how proud he would be."

Claire has been a member of the BHBA for the past two years

and says she has always loved the variety of enterprises within the Blackdown Hills.

She finished: "I plan to continue the great success Val Baker has made over the past 14 years. It is an honour to follow in her footsteps and continue to build the membership portfolio and introduce exciting new interactive events throughout the year for its members and local residents."

"Of course the Honiton Show remains our flagship event which takes place on Thursday, August 4th. Together with the board we are looking forward to networking, supporting and engaging with all the businesses and local communities around the Blackdown Hills."

● **Contact the BHBA at www.bhba.org.uk, call 01823 681484.**

Tea with the Queen

CLAYHIDON residents are invited to a Royal Tea Party in the Parish Hall on Saturday, June 11th to celebrate the 90th birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

The fun starts at 3pm and admission is free. Cotleigh Village will be holding a Royal Tea party to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday on Sunday, June 12th at the village hall between midday and 5pm.

Light lunches and high tea will be available in aid of Cotleigh Village fete.

In Luppitt on June 11th there will be a Garden Party to celebrate the royal birthday.

Clean-up help needed

STOCKLAND Fair Committee is appealing for help on Cleanup Day (Sunday May 22) to prepare the village for the following week's fair day. They say that every bit of help they can get in cleaning and preparing the village hall and the grounds for the big day will be much appreciated.

There will be litter picking, sweeping the car park, trimming hedges, strimming grass etc. Those taking part are asked to bring strimmers, brooms, shovels, bin bags, rakes, secateurs, clippers etc ready for a 9am start.

Open gardens

SIX private Kilminster gardens and the allotments will be open for the afternoons of May 7th and 8th, from 1.30pm-5pm.

Proceeds will be shared between Kilminster Village Hall and St. Giles' Church.

Paul Dunsford of Kilminster Gardening Club said: "Round off your visit with a delicious tea at The Acorn where live music will be playing."

Tickets (£5 combined entrance, children free) are available from the village hall, participating gardens during the weekend, or in advance from Paul Dunsford. Tickets may be used on both afternoons.

More information is available from Mr Dunsford on 01297 33563 or online at www.kvpa.co.uk



CLAIRE Stepney (far right) will take on the role as co-ordinator of the Blackdown Hills Business Association. She is pictured with members of the Board of Directors.

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Blackdowns clubs and organisations

Clayhidon Friends

THE Friends were privileged to have Geoff, a retired headmaster, to come and talk to them about his experience as a volunteer for the Samaritans. Although most are aware of this charity whose workers talk to distressed people on the phone, it was good to get an understanding of the history and development of the organisation.

Geoff also spoke of some of the issues which their callers have to battle with, including relationship and money problems, self-esteem and mental problems, and of course some with suicidal thoughts.

The volunteers guarantee total confidentiality, apart from bomb threats, the need to call an ambulance and persistent hoax callers.

The volunteers are made of special stuff - they have to be non-judgmental, good listeners, yet able to prompt and guide the callers towards a possible solution - and they come from all walks of life.

Geoff also talked about how the volunteers have a off-loading session at the end of their shift with a supporting manager. This is an important aspect, because the work can be intense and stressful. The Friends learnt about the training programme for new volunteers which particularly interested some members.

Everyone found this an absorbing evening, and expressed grateful thanks to Geoff for his time.

Samford Arundel WI

A 'MAGICAL haven' was the destination for Sampford Arundel WI members at their April meeting.

Teresa Wort from the Conquest Centre told them all about the equine establishment that seeks to help both children and adults with difficulties or disabilities of various kinds through riding or just being involved with horses.

Some clients find it easier to bond with horses than with humans. The centre - set in beautiful surroundings - is thriving and developing new sources of help for both clients and their families. The organisation has received high praise from both users and visitors.

Teresa herself praised the devoted volunteers without whom the centre would not run. Visitors are always welcome.

Members were reminded of the village fete on July 16th, where their many skills will come in handy. Cakes will be needed, and - the schedule is almost ready - art and craft entries can be prepared at the 'Craft n' Laugh group. Other events in the pipeline include skittles, book club, garden visit, and even litter collection.

Next month is the annual meeting - and fresh faces on the committee would be welcome.

Hemyock WI

MARCH and April have been busy for Hemyock WI members.

Fourteen of them enjoyed the Group Meeting at Uplowman on March 24th.

The Lunch Group have enjoyed meals at the Blue Ball and Beam Bridge Hotel.

Brenda and Lyn had an enjoyable day at Bishops Nympton listening to various people who would like to have their names in the WI Speaker's Hand Book.

President Lyn Taylor, Brenda and Judith attended the Riviera Centre in Torquay for the Federation Spring Council meeting. It was an enjoyable day with excellent talks and entertainment.

The main speaker was Benjamin Mee who bought Dartmoor Zoo - a story that has been turned into a successful film.

They also learned about Torre Abbey and the Calvert Trust.

Hemyock WI held their Annual Meeting in April when Lyn Taylor was re-elected as President.

Sue Hollow and Karen Pinder had used their bursaries on a visit to Denman College where they had enjoyed lectures and tours of some of Oxford's famous colleges. They gave an excellent presentation with lovely photographs.

The competition winner for a photograph of a single flower was Elaine.

The Reading Group continues with 'The Girl on the Train' being their latest book.

The Meeting on May 3rd will include a talk from Heidi Lyon who works with blind children. The competitions are for a favourite vase and a flower from the garden.

Brightside

TWO and a half years ago Brightside opened its doors to the local community.

Since that first day, more than 55 activities have been held at the Blackdown Healthy Living Activity Centre in Hemyock, along with several coach trips and gatherings, usually at favourite hostels in the area.

Around 1,500 pairs of feet have crossed over the threshold during this time.

Individuals reaching their older years develop different needs, of which most can be simply met.

Socialising, making friends, having fun and just knowing someone cares, with a hearty lunch thrown into the mix, has always been Brightside's aim.

Has it worked? Well, all those feet can't be wrong!

Brightside is held on the first Friday in the month, from 11am to 3pm.

If you would like to know what is on the programme or need more information contact Janet Elworthy on 01823 680687.

There is no commitment and transport can be arranged if required.

Blackdown Hills Gardening Club

THE March meeting of the BHGC was well attended at Churchinford Village Hall.

Members received a very informative presentation from Katherine Crouch, a local garden designer who had previously won BBC Gardener of the Year and is a regular exhibitor at the Taunton Flower Show.

The title of the talk was 'Plants That Should Be Better Known'. Katherine explained that there are many excellent plants that are not available in regular catalogues or garden centres.

These include annuals of refined colours to be used instead of ground cover perennials, and ugly babies, those plants lacking pot appeal as young plants but which will come on to be good. Others are slow growers such as some hebes and daphne, Shooting Stars which have a short flowering period and the short lived perennials, which might only survive for two years.

Katherine also went through an interesting list of alternative plants, those to try instead of the old favourites.

The images of the alternative plants certainly gave food for thought and inspiration for what can be achieved. Katherine's fact sheet giving her favourite alternative plants and recommended suppliers was eagerly taken away.

The club members enjoyed refreshments and the raffle. The secretary confirmed that the Moor Lane Plant Sale, Churchinford, would be on the May 14th and members also discussed potential making projects including posy making, willow weaving or Christmas wreaths.

St Mary's Charity and Coffee Shop

ST MARY'S Charity and Coffee Shop at Hemyock continues to be a roaring success, attracting residents and visitors to the area.

Held at the Church Room three times a month from 10 am - 12noon visitors will find a huge array of many good quality items for sale as well as having the opportunity to enjoy drinks and homemade cake.

The shop makes an annual donation to charity groups - this year 1st Hemyock Scout Group towards a joint Anglo/Danish camp on Exmoor during the summer; the primary school PTFA for outdoor education; and a fund to purchase a public access defibrillator were the recipients.

Due to the generosity of people with their overwhelming support and the ethos of the group it is necessary at times to donate items to other groups.

At present the shop is supporting an appeal from the parish council for clothing for Syrian refugees. Any clothing items damaged or not saleable go to a local textile recycling bank. Suitable baby clothes have been donated to Musgrove Hospital Special Care Baby Unit.

Books have been donated to Wellington Toy Library, Mencap and other charities selling books to raise funds, whilst Wellington Museum has also accepted some items.

Much to everyone's surprise some goods have been sent further afield - children's books for English lessons to Brittany, a large British flag to a swimming pool near Lyon, in France and special baskets to a props buyer making a film in the north of England!

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Bladown Hills Woodland Association

It's time to check your trees for signs of stress

DAYS are getting longer now, but as I put pen to paper the ground is not drying as it should, and we still have jobs on the farm and in the woods that should have been done last autumn.

We use approximately 50 m3 of fire wood a year, depending on the winters as we have two properties on the farm that are wood fuel heated, and have only now extracted enough for next year.

In September we will be running our very successful chainsaw awareness day. This is for people who are using chainsaws in their woodland and is extremely useful. The tutor Rob is a Lantra trainer (see website for details).

We all need to keep a check on the numbers of grey squirrels in our woodland, I know they are endearing fluffy characters, but they really are bad for trees old and young. I am no fan of poison, even if you did have a licence to use it, I prefer methods that kill the animal outright. It sounds cruel, I know, but better than suffering for a long period. My preferred method is shooting which is quick and clean with the added bonus you can take it home and eat it. Squirrel meat has no fat therefore is very good for you. My favourite is curried squirrel with wild garlic.

Now is the time to check your trees for disease and stress - yes trees get stressed as well as humans - the causes of stress are over crowding / poor soil / vermin and disease damage / excess water or lack of, often it's just growing in the wrong place. Stress manifests itself in many ways but the main is stunted growth and/or deformation of limbs.

One of my other hats is a woodland creation volunteer for the Woodland Trust, helping and advising owners of new woodlands. It is really worth looking on their website for funded tree packs as now is a good time to plant even if it's just a corner of a field, or perhaps some fruit trees, or a new hedge.

The other thing the Woodland Trust provides on their website is advice on all matters pertaining to trees.

Park Farm, in conjunction with the association, is running a clay, archery and rifle day for female novices on May 18th of this month. It will include tuition from Olympic clay shot Abbey Lyng with safety training and guidance in the three disciplines. To book a place contact me at email address below.

By John Green Shields
parkfarm@tinyonline.co.uk

Neighbourhood plan for Stockland

EAST Devon District Council is inviting comments on a draft Neighbourhood Plan for Stockland. Stockland Parish Council has prepared a neighbourhood development plan for the parish, with the help of the local community.

The plan sets out a vision for the future of the parish and planning policies, which will be used to determine planning applications locally.

Copies of the Neighbourhood Development Plan and supporting documentation are available to view online at <http://eastdevon.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-and-community-plans/neighbourhood-plans/current-plan-and-neighbourhood-area-consultations/>

Comments on the plan should be made by email to localplan@eastdevon.gov.uk or in writing to Tim Spurway, Planning Policy Section, East Devon District Council, Knowle, Station Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9HL.

The consultation runs until May 17th 2016.

The neighbourhood plan outlines the parish council and community's vision of what they would like the parish to be like in the future, based on community consultation.

Cash help for students

CLAYHIDON students are missing out on getting financial help for their studies.

The Mary Waldron Trust has not received any applications for funds this year. Clayhidon Parish Council chairman Richard Kallaway told councillors at their meeting last month.

This fund assists students in higher and further education (including Richard Huish College) with purchases of books and equipment, including computer requisites.

Applicants should normally live in Hemyock or Clayhidon and must have received full time education at one or more of: Hemyock Primary School, Uffculme School and PETROC (East Devon College).

More details can be obtained from the Secretary, Mike Reynolds, Hidon Mill, Clayhidon, EX15 3PL. Phone 680481 email osprey31@waitrose.com.

300 new homes for dormice on the Blackdown Hills



HAZEL Dormouse, Mount Fancy, Blackdown Hills

POPULATIONS of one of the UK's most elusive and arguably cutest native mammals, the hazel dormouse, have been given 300 new homes on the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty thanks to funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund and donations from The People's Trust for Endangered Species and Seasons Ecology.

The new nest boxes provide a safe and sheltered space for dormice to raise their young at six new National Dormouse Monitoring Programme sites. More than 40 volunteers were involved in putting up the boxes and will help licensed dormouse handlers monitor them over the coming years.

The National Dormouse Monitoring Programme was established 25 years ago by The People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) and is an initiative that collates data from sites across the UK to keep a record of the distribution and abundance of dormouse populations at a national level.

Dormice have suffered dramatic declines over the past century due to loss of ancient woodland habitat, and providing nest boxes can help keep track of how populations are faring, and also provide habitat for rearing their young.

The nest boxes have been provided by the Blackdown Hills Natural Futures project which works across the Area

of Outstanding Natural Beauty to survey wildlife sites and raise awareness of nature conservation through a wide range of events and activities.

Conrad Barrowclough from Blackdown Hills Natural Futures said: "The opportunity to boost monitoring of this most endearing of native species is really exciting. The Blackdown Hills is a stunning area and potentially offers an abundance of dormouse habitat, so the chance to contribute records to a national scheme from such a historically under-recorded area is great."



VOLUNTEERS ready to erect the nest boxes



THE Reverend David Burton, with churchwarden Jenny Doble, and retiring flower co-ordinator Jane Attlee

A LONG serving flower arranger was honoured during the Easter service at St Mary's Church in Hemyock.

Following the service, led by The Reverend David Burton flowers were presented to Jane Attlee who recently retired as flower co-ordinator after leading the team of flower arrangers for around 15 years, but arranging flowers at St Mary's for many more years before that.

Taking her place as flower co-ordinator will be Monica Smith. Mrs Smith and her husband Stewart celebrated their golden wedding anniversary the day before the service, having been married at St Mary's Church 50 years previously. Mr Smith is also a sidesman, vergers and server at the church.



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Demonstrating the skills of the hills

THE annual Skills of the Hills Hedgelaying competition took place last month with competitors battling it out to be named best hedge layer in the west.

The annual event, in its 19th year, took place at Westhayes Farm, Hemyock, by kind permission of Lorna Pring.

Colin Clutterbuck won the Percy Duck Challenge Cup in the Open class with Mike Reed second and Alex Brown third.

Dan Strawbridge won the Dugdale Cup in the Intermediate Class, with Chris Stanton coming second and Alex Hannam third.

Emma Stapleforth and Matt Townsend won the pairs competition and Hayley Dorrington won the Novice class, with Morris Burrough and Mark Joynes coming second and third respectively.

There were also baking competitions throughout the day.



LIAM Jefferson gets to grips with his hedge.



MARK & Janet Beattie take part in the pairs competition



MISSION COMPLETED: Abby Richards, The Reverend Simon Holloway and Flamingo Pool manager Steve Buxton.

Team leader tackles Sierra Leone

THE Team Leader for the Five Alive Mission Community, which covers part of the Blackdown Hills, The Reverend Simon Holloway, has travelled to Sierra Leone as a volunteer.

For a day job, he serves the parishes of Dalwood, Kilmington, Shute, Stockland and Yarcombe.

But The Reverend Holloway is on a break from the day job, having left the country last month.

He travelled as part of a Sharing Of Ministry Abroad (SOMA) team, which will support and provide pastoral care for the leaders of Anglican churches in Freetown and other places for almost two weeks.

The Reverend Holloway served as volunteer with the

Ministry of Education in Freetown from 1972-1975 and has returned three times - 2001, 2005 and 2009.

He said: "The country has suffered massively over the last 20 years, first with an eleven-year rebel war and then 18 months of the Ebola epidemic, which claimed 11,500 lives in the three countries of Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea."

To help finance his trip, he raised £550 through a sponsored swim at Flamingo Pool in Axminster.

He swam one nautical mile (74 lengths of 25 metres each) in a time of just under one hour and 14 minutes - and is very grateful to those who supported him



Blackdown Hills Business Association

Introducing Claire Stepney, the new BHBA Coordinator

We are delighted to announce local businesswoman, Claire Stepney, has taken over the reins from Val Baker as the new BHBA Co-ordinator. Claire has been an active member of the BHBA for the past 2 years since setting up her own events consultancy, Signature Events so brings a wealth of event management experience that she has gained over the past 20 years. Claire grew up in Hemyock and her career has taken her all over the south west organising a wide range of events for small and large corporations. Claire shares, I am thrilled to take on this exciting role and look forward to engaging with all members and the community. Together with the Board I aim to lead the BHBA onto exciting new adventures; enhancing the membership creating new events, promoting the fantastic regional skills and expertise, and of course always welcoming new members! Val Baker has achieved great things over the past 14 years and we wish her all the very best for her future career." You can keep in touch with news and events at www.BHBA.org.uk and follow@BHBAcoordinator on Twitter.



To book or for more details, please ring Val Baker on Tel 01823 681484 or email info@bhba.org.uk
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Festivals & Shows

in and around the Blackdown Hills

Honiton Agricultural Show Thursday, August 4th 2016

THE Grand Parade is one of the many highlights of the main ring activities where the day's livestock winners proudly parade.

The 2016 main ring will be a hive of activity; fantastic acts including top FMX Rider Jamie Squibb. "The Sheep Show" returns to Honiton with its humorous, educational, live stage show all about sheep, 9 breeds will be present and not to miss is the sheep shearing and their "dancing sheep"!

For 2016 we introduce a new "Alpaca Village", come and learn all about these fascinating animals and even purchase some goods made from alpaca fibres.

The lower field incorporates all that is countryside with hurdle making, ferret racing, a blacksmiths guild and a trip down memory lane with a vintage tractor section with over 100 vehicles on display.

Honiton plays host to the West of England Hound Show, a show within a show, which attracts a huge following countrywide. There is the wonderful dog show comprising both pedigree and fun classes for the pet pooch.

If chickens are your interest we have a fantastic Poultry show and sale.

We have entertainment in abundance for children with Professor Twistopher's Punch and Judy, as seen on the hugely popular and wildly acclaimed television series Downton Abbey or maybe a donkey ride will interest. With over 400 trade stands, including crafts, shopping and a fabulous food hall there really is something for everyone.



We have a huge and diverse range of food courts to tickle your taste buds with local caterers offering the very best produce; why not start with a delicious bacon roll lunch with a Dartmoor Farmer's Beef Burger from Kenniford and end the day with a refreshing Pimms from local Otter Brewery.

Honiton prides itself on being a truly traditional agricultural show with a unique atmosphere it brings new and traditional agriculture together so make a note in the diary, 4th August, we all look forward to welcoming you. Don't forget accompanied under 16's are free.

For further details on the show, trade enquires, schedules or details on becoming a member of the Association with all its benefits please contact the secretary on 01404 41794 or visit the website www.honitonshow.co.uk or follow us on twitter @honitonshow1890.

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5. Please note: Children under 5 years old are free on any Show day. Up to two children (aged 5-15) are admitted free with each ticket-holding adult on the Saturday, but tickets are needed for Thursday and Friday.



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Axe Vale Festival - a date worth keeping

25th & 26th June 2016

AT this family friendly festival you will find much to keep everyone entertained and inspired.

For enthusiastic gardeners, the impressive floral marquee full of colour and scents will feed your creative side and the numerous stalls selling plants will get your green fingers itching to get into those gardening gloves!

There is plenty more to keep you smiling - crafts of great variety, skill and ingenuity, toys and hobbies including many nostalgic exhibits, art, antiques and collectables. A number of craftsmen will be demonstrating their skills, many of them traditional, throughout the day and of course the day would not be complete without a visit to the mouth-watering food marquee!

The main arena is host to an exciting programme of events guaranteed to thrill and entertain - this year we have Adrenaline Tour and Rockwood Dogs already booked ready to 'wow' the crowds. Adrenaline Tour will perform an awesome show of Quad and Motorcycle stunt riding starring Jason Smyth. Rockwood Dogs will amaze with their courage, agility comedy routines and tricks too! There will be lots more to cheer throughout the day as the arena programme is finalised.

Bookings for exhibitor space are coming in thick and fast with the return of firm favourites as well as new exhibitors keen to showcase their wares.

Children are well looked after too with lots of activities (and ice cream of course!) to make their day. So with everyone happy, you can rest and enjoy live music while you soak in the atmosphere of this great annual show.

Axe Vale Festival takes place at The Showground, Trafalgar Way, Axminster. Admission: Adults £9, under 16's £2, under 5's free. In advance: Adults: £7.50 Children: £1.50 Tickets can be purchased on-



line through the website. Reduced rates for group bookings. Coach parties welcome.

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Stockland Fair

STOCKLAND provides a traditional English Fair with great grub, venison burgers, ice creams, afternoon teas, loads of plants, crafts, demonstrations, traditional games and the legendary Stockland Eggathon.

The ancient village of Stockland is the setting for this glorious one-day traditional family oriented English fair originally granted by King Henry III to the Manor of Stockland in 1252. Stockland Fair regularly attracts more than 2,000 visitors and is an afternoon of family fun featuring traditional games and entertainments, rural crafts and displays.

Stockland is in the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and is approximately six miles equidistant from the towns of Axminster, Chard and Honiton. The Fair is held in the grounds of Stockland Victory Hall, with parking provided close by with the generous help of local landowners.

The purpose of the modern Fair is to raise funds for local community projects and organisations and also to support a nominated charity, this year that charity is the Exeter Leukaemia Fund.

Bank Holiday Monday 30th May 2016. Gates open at 1.30pm. *See our advertisement on page 9.*

Family festival to raise funds

TICKETS to a new family friendly music festival in the Blackdown Hills are selling fast.

The Altitude Village Festival, which takes place in Blackborough on the weekend of May 20 and 21, will see performances by high profile local and regional bands, including Sound of the Sirens, Bristol reggae band Talisman and Mark Morriss of The Bluetones.

As well as music, there will be children's entertainment and crafts, plus a huge range of street food and drink.

The event is being held to raise funds for local charities, including Blackborough Village Hall.

With around 1,000 people expected to attend over the weekend, the festival is building on the success of last year's inaugural event, which raised more than £5,000.

Event organiser Phil Doodson, said they had been thrilled with the success of last year's event.

He added: "Altitude has been a success on various levels; not only did it raise substantial funds, it also drew the local community together and was a reminder that when people come together then good things can happen."



Altitude will feature bands from Devon and further afield, with the likes of Talisman coming from Bristol and Slombers Woke from the Isle of Wight.

Altitude has support from BBC Introducing in Devon, with slots on the round table show on April 30.

Alongside the variety of music acts, the festival is offering a range of workshops for children - including dance, graffiti and circus skills. Reiki and reflexology taster sessions are also available for those

who require a little TLC after all the dancing.

Tickets for the weekend cost £25 for an adult, £10 for a child with camping available at £20 per pitch. Tickets are available from Kentisbeare Post Office or via the website www.altitudedevon.wordpress.com

You can follow festival updates on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/AltitudeVF/ or Twitter @AltitudeVF or visit the website for a round-up of all the acts and sellers.

Pocket park opening

THE Thelma Hulbert Gallery (THG) will be celebrating the launch of their new community pocket park with a garden party this May.

This family-friendly event is part of the national Museums at Night festival, which runs from May 11th - 18th.

The fun-packed evening will include art activities as well as food and music and co-ordinates with the gallery's community exhibition Soil Culture : Casting Seeds.

Angela Blackwell, THG curator said: "This is going to be a great event for all the family. Join us to take part in artist workshops, design a floral badge and make your own charcoal on a campfire. We hope families will enjoy the music, children's face painting and fancy dress competition. I am looking forward to the wood-fired pizzas too!"

Emma Molony, THG Marketing & Fundraising Officer commented "Our pocket park is one of only 87 created nationally by the government for the community of Honiton to enjoy. It has been redesigned by leading garden designer Anna Wardrop, who has been working feverishly with local schools and volunteers to plant the garden with flowers, fruit trees and vegetable beds for the launch event."

The party will take place on Friday, May 13th from 5pm to 9pm. The pocket park will be officially opened at 5.30pm by Councillor Stuart Hughes, chairman of East Devon District Council.

Uffculme goes green

UFFCULME'S annual Green Day returns later this month.

This year's event will be opened by Lord Mountbatten and will be a celebration of all things green and environmentally friendly.

Performances will take place throughout the day from Uffculme Pre School children, the Blackdown Community Choir, Kingwood Childcare, Uffculme Amateur Dramatics, Willand Folk Dance Club and Marisa Wood School of Dance.

There will also be stalls from Blackdown Hills' food producers and renewable energy providers, as well as community groups and organisations.

The Uffculme Green Day will take place on Saturday, May 14th from 10am at the Magelake Pavilion.

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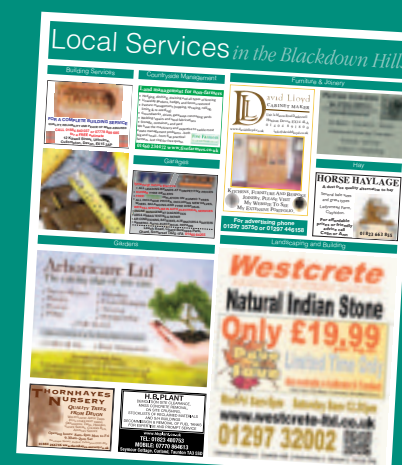
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£425,000

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£499,950

A lovely example of a modern converted barn in a village location in this popular area in Somerset. The property has many features with vaulted ceilings, open fires and landscaped gardens. The house is approached over a tarmac driveway with ample parking areas and a pitched roof triple garage. There are well established borders and stocked beds with pleasant areas laid to lawn. The accommodation comprises 4 bedrooms, two bathrooms, three reception areas with modern kitchen and utility room. Whites Barn is within minutes' walk of the local Post Office and General Store along with the Church, School & Village Sports field. Viewing is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.



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£575,000

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